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 Examining Group. 2854
 Attorney Docket No. P24176

In re application of: Tadashi HAYAMIZU et al.

Application No. : 10/654,880

Group Art Unit : 2854

Filed : September 5, 2003

Examiner : Dave A. GHATT

For : IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

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Transmitted herewith is a **Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116** in the above-captioned application.

Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

A Request for Extension of Time.

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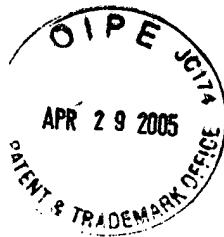
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Sir :

In response to the Official Action dated February 1, 2005, setting forth a three-month shortened statutory period for response to expire on May 2, 2005 (May 1, 2005 being a Sunday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection and objection in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this Response.